

4. In March 2024, Governor Abbott issued executive order GA-44. In operative part, GA-44 called on Texas public universities to:

- Review and update free speech policies to address the sharp rise in antisemitic speech and acts on university campuses and establish appropriate punishments, including expulsion from the institution.
- Ensure that these policies are being enforced on campuses and that groups such as the Palestine Solidarity Committee and Students for Justice in Palestine are disciplined for violating these policies.
- Include the definition of antisemitism, adopted by the State of Texas in Section 448.001(2) of the Texas Government Code, in university free speech policies to guide university personnel and students on what constitutes antisemitic speech.¹

5. After receiving guidance from the University of Texas System on how to comply with GA-44, my office updated Chapter 13 of the Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities to include a definition of antisemitism provided by Texas Government Code § 448.001(2). This update to the Institutional Rules went into effect on June 21, 2024.

¹ *Governor Abbott Fights Antisemitic Acts At Texas Colleges, Universities*, OFFICE OF THE TEXAS GOVERNOR (March 27, 2024), <https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-fights-antisemitic-acts-at-texas-colleges-universities>

PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I VERIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Executed on August 16, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brenda A. Schumann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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